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** EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE: This week's bulletin was sent out earlier than normal to accommodate the late ARRL DX CW Contest announcements. Also, we wanted to provide the readers with a consolidated listing of the ARRL DX CW Contest participants.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13th-February, through Sunday, 20th-February there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XX9, YA, YB, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3V, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY), will be active as 3V8SF from the Scout Radio Club of Sfax city club station during the ARRL Inter. DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (80m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via LX1NO or LoTW. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: <http://www.kf5eyy.info>

8Q, MALDIVES (Update). Operators Karel/OK2WM and Vlad/OK2WX are now active as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX, respectively, from Innahura Island (AS-013) until March 8th. Activity will be on 160/80/40 meters using CW and SSB. However, they posted on QRZ.com the following: "We are delayed, our verticals have ended in Male, the seaplane will not carry them. On Thursday they will be transported by a supply ship to the island, from Friday evening we will hopefully be at 160/80m." QSL via their home callsigns.

9K, KUWAIT. Abdallah, 9K2GS, will be active as 9K2K during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th) and CQWW WPX Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via EC6DX or LoTW.

AAW 2022. The 19th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) will take place next week between February 21-27th. All Radio Amateurs (OMs & SWLs) around the world, Clubs and Organizations as well as other important groups and individual operators World-Wide, are invited to join and share with them in this initiative. Apply your special AAW's callsign, get a WAP reference and jump into the competition. Some operators have already signed-up to participate. See the following Web page at:

<http://www.waponline.it/antarctic-activity-week/aaw-2022>

The WAP's intention is to draw WW attention to the Antarctic Continent, and the AAW is a unique event World-Wide (WW) where Hams (in any corner of the world, and not necessarily in Antarctica) wish to celebrate and improve World-Wide interest around the Icy Continent.

Purpose of the A.A.W. is to increase world wide interest around Antarctic Continent and its related matters with the aim of staying close to the researchers and personnel who are spending their time away from home and families studying the Antarctic life and its secrets. An additional purpose is to share what Nations and Organizations are doing to protect this still non contaminated corner of the world, and to share a WW message of peace.

Stations announced as of February 18th [Special Callsign (WAP Ref#/QSL)]:

7T22ANT (WAP-345/IK2DUW)	K4C (WAP-253/K4MZU)
AO4HAG (WAP-242/EA4GKV)	OE19AAW (WAP-341/OE3DMA)
EH3ANT (WAP-292/EA3EYO)	OE88WAP (WAP-088/OE3KKA)
EH5AAW (WAP-342/EA5N)	OE89ANT (WAP-089/OE3AIS)
II2ANT-II2ANT/6 (WAP-030/IK2QPO)	OE90AAW (WAP-090/OE3SGA)
II2WAP (WAP-343/IK2EKO)	PA6ANT (WAP-221/PA3FOE)
II5ANT (WAP-025/IZ5BTC)	PF88ANT (WAP-307/PA0RDY)
IR1ANT (WAP-002/I1HYW)	SP60ANT (WAP-339/SP3POB)
IR2A (WAP-003/IK2JYT)	TM19AAW (WAP-344/F8DVD)
K0ANT (WAP-198/KB0MZF)	UT1KY/WAP (WAP-162/UT1KY)
K4A (WAP-073/K6EID)	

D4, CAPE VERDE (Reminder). Oliver, DJ5QW, will be active as D4CW and D44DX from Santa Maria village, Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde, between February 19th and March 2nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign or by the DARC Bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE (Update). Rob, DM4AO, who is active as D44AO from Ilha de Santiago, Cape Verde (AF-005, WW Loc. HK84EV, WLOTA 0158), until February 25th, reports the following on QRZ.com, February 14th: "Spent the whole day yesterday with preparing a radial network of 42 radials and finally managed to put up the Butternut despite the heavy winds. Enjoyed about 500 QSOs today in nice pile-ups to see that all highbands (and the antenna) work quite well. Two hours ago - after the 30m pile-up has grown and started to bring some fun - suddenly the radio died with no warning. So now I have a broken radio. :-(Will try to get some help from a local Ham but right now I fear the DXpedition is over after a mere 500 QSOs and before the contest... Sorry guys!"

However, on February 15th, Rob posted: "Thanks to the help of Pierpaolo, D44PM, I am back on air again after a sudden power failure killed my power supply." There were plenty of QSNs on the cluster later that day on 80/40/30/20/12/10 meters. Remember to look for him in the ARRL Inter. DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. See QRZ.com for details.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS (Satellite Op). Philippe, EA4NF, will be active as EA8/EA4NF from Hierro Island (AF-004), the smallest island of the Canary

Island and the furthest west, between March 4-6th. Activity will be on the FM and Linear LEO satellites, and he plans to activate the very rare grids IL07 and IL17. QSL via LoTW. You can follow Philippe's activities on Twitter: https://twitter.com/EA4NF_SAT

FG/TO3, GUADELOUPE. Operators Gildas/F6HMQ and Michel/F6GWV will once again be active as FG/F6HMQ and FG/F6GWV, respectively, from Guadeloupe between February 25th and March 27th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using "light equipment". They will also be in the ARRL International DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th) and the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27) using the callsign TO3Z. QSL TO3Z via F6HMQ. QSL FG/F6GWV and Gildas FG/F6HMQ via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

FT/W CROZET ISLAND 2022 DXPEDITION NEWS. The following was posted by Thierry Mazel, F6CUK, on February 14th [edited]: After the permission granted by the TAAF and the DXpedition announcement, time has come to gather the equipment and move forward with the preparations. As you can see on the picture below, talks are extensive! Photo TAAF:

http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/images/image-2_4dltmm2k.png

Dates are now known. The Marion Dufresne will leave Reunion Island on December 8th, with a stopover at Tromelin to resupply the people there (another nice DX), then bound for Crozet. I should get there around Christmas. The ship will come back on March 26th, 2023, to pick us up, and after stopovers at Kerguelen and Amsterdam, arrive at Reunion on April 16th, 2023. Therefore, I will be on Alfred Faure base for a solid 3 months. These dates may vary slightly depending on weather conditions.

I am in close contact with the TAAF (Many thanks to the man in charge of Crozet, and to Mr. Chareyre for their attention) in order to prepare my arrival in the best possible conditions. Some of the main points under discussion are where the antennas (HF and QO-100) will be installed, as well as the shack.

Obviously, I will not start operating the day after my arrival. I will need to install the antennas and the station. For that, other people's help will be required. The weather will have its role to play, as it would be impossible to climb to the roof, erect a mast under high winds: the base commander will have to give his approval. Starting the operation will not be the top priority of the first day.

In theory, I will stay in the Albatros building. It is next to the Biomar building. It looks like they have arranged it so that I will not be of any nuisance to the other people (night operation for example). Looking at the picture below will give you a better idea.

<http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/images/image-3.png>

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On the left is the Biomar building, on the right is the Albatros. Thank you to Mr. Stichelbaut for allowing us to use his picture.

The callsign is not issued yet, and I have requested a special call to commemorate the 60 years of the first transmissions made by Mr. Baudelot, first ham operator on the island in the years 61/62. The callsign will be released only hours before the start of the activity by Paul F6EXV and Jean-Michel F6AJA, i.e. after my arrival on the island. Paul will inform via internet and Twitter, Jean-Michel on his DX bulletin. This will be so to avoid pirate activities. Anything not coming from Paul or Jean-Michel will be mere speculation. Be cautious of the FT4Wxxx that might show up !

As for the equipment, things are also progressing. Many sponsors have kindly responded to our solicitations. Contrary to our initial information, I will not be using K3s. Since Elecraft no longer produces K3S, it was difficult for them to loan or sell some to me. They mentioned a K4 but I do not want to go with only one transceiver, I need at least a second one in case of break down. Considering the procurement problems that all manufacturers are facing, I did not want to take any risk. Consequently, I have decided to use a transceiver that I have at home, as well as used by F6KOP for their DXpeditions, namely the TS-590. It is fully equipped, and has a big advantage: no interface required to operate FT8, a mere USB cable between the rig and the laptop is enough. Antenna plugs, a receiving antenna connector, an RS232 interface, USB, all filters and ATU. So no further options will be required. Furthermore, it has a great receiver, and can be easily found second-hand at very reasonable price.

So, I purchased a TS-590 which is right now being modified by the Kenwood after sale service, to solve the known ALC issue. This modification is

covered by the Kenwood warranty. I will soon purchase another 590 that will also be modified.

On the amplifier side, after talks and advice from the Clipperton DX Club and the F6KOP team, I have chosen a 500W tube amp, the Acom 1010, less fragile than solid state amps. It can bear with a 3/1 SWR, which is a great advantage for a place where I will not be in full control of the environment. So I will purchase a 1010 and have another one loaned by the CDXC via F6KOP. Let them be thanked for this.

I also thank Acom company for the discount they are offering for the purchase, but this is not a gift. They are doing the best they can, still, the cost is not negligible in the overall budget.

The antennas will be the subject of another press release, after we have made some tests at Paul's QTH in the spring. More to come later.

I have asked the TAAF to get permission to send part of the equipment with the previous ship supply mission (leaving in November). It sometimes happens that, because of the weather during landing, not everything can be brought to the island. Imagine being on the island without a station! As I often say, Crozet is not Tahiti !

A lot remains to be done. Going to the TAAF islands for 4 months needs a lot of work, and is to be deserved. One of the next items on the agenda is winter clothing, and organizing skeds with school children's via QO-100.

Thank you to all the team members as well as to our sponsors, nothing would be possible without them.

As a conclusion, you can see preparations are going well, thanks to the continuous team work. Even if sponsors are helping a lot, expenses go on, and more help will be welcome. I suppose Crozet will be an ATNO for many, and you can't afford missing it, as nobody knows when the next ham operation will take place from this #3 most needed. Thank you all!

You will find our PayPal info on the Crozet2022 home page:

<http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/home.html>

Thierry Mazel F6CUK

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between February 14-18th (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
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AF-004	EA8DJM	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-004	EA8UP	CANARY	10m; SSB
AF-005	D44AO	LEEWARD	17m; CW
AF-014	CT3MD	MADEIRA	12/10m; CW/FT8
AF-017	3B9FR	RODRIGUES	40/17/10m; SSB/FT8
AF-022	ZD7FT	ST HELENA	15m; SSB
AF-022	ZD7MY	ST HELENA	20m; FT8
AF-024	S77SARA	INNER	30m; FT8
AF-049	3B8BAL	MAURITIUS	12m; CW
AF-063	5H3BV	Pemba	15m; CW
AN-006	EM1U	Galindez	20m; SSB
AS-003	4S6NCH	SRI LANKA	12m; FT8
AS-004	5B4AQC	Cyprus	40m; CW
AS-004	5B4VL	Cyprus	40/10m; SSB
AS-007	JA4MOK	HONSHU	15m; FT8
AS-007	JL1KCL	HONSHU	12m; FT8
AS-007	JM7OLW	HONSHU	15m; CW
AS-013	8Q7WM	MALDIVES	40m; CW
AS-019	9V1ZV	SINGAPORE	10m; FT8
AS-031	JD1BHA	CHICHI/HAHA/MUKO	40m; CW
AS-045	HL5FUA	ULLEUNG	30m; FT8
AS-053	HS0ZEX	PHUKET	10m; SSB
AS-077	JA6BDB	Kyushu	17m; FT8
AS-077	JO6JAW	Kyushu	17m; FT8
AS-078	JA8ISU	Hokkaido	160m;
AS-105	HL2ZN	Kyong-do Province	12m; FT8
AS-118	9K2DX	KUWAIT	40m; SSB
AS-200	JJ5RBH	Shodo	15m; CW
EU-001	SV5TH	DODECANESE	60/17m; CW
EU-003	CR8ACL	EASTERN	20m; SSB
EU-004	EA6ACA	BALEARIC	15m; CW

EU-004	EC6FK	BALEARIC	17m; SSB
EU-005	G1UBL/P	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; SSB
EU-005	G6UT	GREAT BRITAIN	40m; SSB
EU-005	M0WBG	GREAT BRITAIN	20m; CW/SSB
EU-005	MM1BXF	GREAT BRITAIN	160m;
EU-009	GS8VL	ORKNEY	40m; SSB
EU-009	MM0DGI	ORKNEY	40m; CW
EU-015	SV9RKU	CRETE	15m; SSB
EU-018	OY1CT	FAROE	12m; CW
EU-025	IT9RZR	Sicily	12m; FT8
EU-049	SV8DCW	NORTH AEGEAN	20m; FT4
EU-067	SY8OVJ	KYKLADES	40/20/17m; CW
EU-114	GU5WZY	GUERNSEY	30m; FT8
EU-131	IK3PQH/P	VENETO REGION	40m; SSB
NA-015	CO8LY	CUBA	12m; CW
NA-018	OX7AM	GREENLAND	40m; CW
NA-027	VO1BYD	NEWFOUNDLAND	20m; FT8
NA-027	VO1IV	NEWFOUNDLAND	40/20m; FT8
NA-027	VO1XT	NEWFOUNDLAND	15m; SSB
NA-029	VY2JC	PRINCE EDWARD	15m; FT8
NA-062	K2ZR/4	KEYS WEST	30/20/17/10m; CW
NA-096	HI8S	HISPANIOLA	10m; FT8
NA-099	KP4JRS	PUERTO RICO	10m; FT8
NA-104	V4/KG9N	ST KITTS AND NEVIS	17/15m; CW
NA-104	V47UM	ST KITTS AND NEVIS	17m; CW
NA-107	FM/F6BWJ	Martinique	15m; CW
NA-109	J8/VP2EIH	St Vincent	12m; SSB
OC-001	VK5PO	Australia	17m; FT8
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	12m; FT8
OC-019	KH6BB	HAWAIIAN	10m; FT8
OC-019	KH6Y	HAWAIIAN	10m; FT8
OC-021	YB0AR	JAVA	20m; SSB
OC-021	YC1JJS	JAVA	10m; FT8
OC-021	YD1FRU	JAVA	10m; FT8
OC-032	FK8GU	NEW CALEDONIA	20m;
OC-032	FK8HM	NEW CALEDONIA	10m; FT8
OC-034	YB9VED	NEW GUINEA	20m; SSB
OC-036	ZL2CC	NORTH	60m;
OC-082	E51WL	PENRHYN ATOLL	12m; FT8
OC-134	ZL3RJ	SOUTH	10m; FT8
OC-209	YB8UTI	Karakelong	40m; FT8
SA-002	VP8LP	FALKLAND	15/10m; SSB
SA-006	PJ4NG	BONAIRE	15/10m; CW
SA-036	P44W	ARUBA	17m; CW
SA-068	8R1AK/P	GUYANA	40m; SSB
SA-099	PJ2/NF9V	CURACAO	40/15m; CW

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode (which is very important) on their QSNs on their PacketCluster reports. The format we suggest is "Mode/IOTA#/Island or Group" (ex. CW/SA-036/Aruba).

AS-125. Members of the Amateur Radio Association of Phetchaburi (HS7AP) will be active as HS7AP/P from Chang Island between July 29th and August 1st. Operators mentioned are E20OMN, E21IZC, E24YEJ, E25CVD, E25NNN, E27EK, HS7QNC and HS7UCQ. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. They also plan to be in RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31s). QSL via E21IZC.

EU-086. (Update) Operators Andrey/RIII and YL Tatyana/RLII, who were expected to be active as RI1PP from Mestnyy Island at the end of February, reported/posted the following on February 16th: Unfortunately, almost all participants fell ill with the coronavirus. In this regard, the departure from Vorkuta is scheduled for the end of March. But I already doubt that in general this year we will get to this island.

EU-125. Operators Wies/SP1EG, Hans/DK8RE and Hans/DL8UUF will be active as 5P1EG from Romo Island (OZFF-005) between May 7-14th.

Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes, with an IC-7300 + Expert PA into different GP antennas. QSL via SP1EG.

- NA-142. Editor of "The Daily DX", Bernie, W3UR, will once again be operating with the Glenwood DX Association club callsign N3ME from Okaloosa Island, Florida's rarest IOTA on Saturday, February 19th, from local sunrise to local sunset (1200-2330z). Activity will be on 20-10 meters using CW and FT8. He states, "Because the ARRL DX CW Contest is taking place I will focus on 17 and 12 meters CW and FT8 on 20 meters..... I will be monitoring Twitter @BernieMcClenny and What's App." QSL via W3UR and LoTW.
- OC-228. Andy, VK5MAV, announced on February 16th [edited]: "Planning to do quick 1 day (possibly 2 days) activation of OC-228 Granite Island on last week of February - first week of March 2022, depends on weather. Exact dates - TBA. Like previously, activity will be from local sunrise till dusk - sorry, local limitations are still in place. Mostly CW on 14/21/28 depends on propagation. If you really need SSB - just send me E-mail and I'll try to move to SSB quickly (internet coverage is perfect there). Battery, max 100W, multiband dipole."
- SA-025. (Reminder) Operators Orlando/PT2OP, Aristides/PS8ACM, Fernando/PS8CW, Raimundo Jr./PS8DX, Milton/PS8HF, Ronaldo/PS8RV and Nathanael/PS8ZP will be active as ZV8L from the Pedra do Sal Lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-070, DIB PI-03, WLOTA L-2825) on Santa Isabel Island (DIB PI-01) during the 14th American Lighthouses Weekend between February 18-20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT-8 and the QO-100 satellite. Contacts are also valid for the Delta do Parnaíba Environmental Protection Area (WWFF PYFF-0209). QSL via PT2OP, direct (preferred), by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

IR2, ITALY (Special Event). Members of the A.R.I. Vigevano will activate the special callsign IR2SM between March 26th and April 10th, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Samuel F.B. Morse's death. QSL via the Bureau or direct via I2MYF.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. QSL Manager Sin, JA8CJY, reports that Take, JG8NQJ, will once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island, Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007), sometime mid-March. Details are currently unknown (Stay tuned). He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. Usually he will be mainly on 17 meters, but may try 40/30 meters and will also be on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW (possibly RTTY), with a Yaesu FT-450 and 50W. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

JT, MONGOLIA. Mats, RM2D (SM6LRR), will be active as JT4RR from South Gobi Region, Mongolia, between March 20th and April 5th. He also mentions that sometime in March-April and in July-August, he is planning a few days of activity as JT4RR/P from the South Gobi Desert. He states on QRZ.com [edited]: "It will not be a regular DX-pedition, but rather a bit of extreme portable operation, using Lab599 TX-500 Heavy Duty QRP-Transceiver with 5-10 watts (99% CW) and a vertical antenna with three elevated resonant radials on a DX Wire Mini glass-fiber pole. Possibly, I will be able to use a 50W amplifier provided that I will find a suitable battery power source. Activity will be every 14 days on my day off from my work at the Oyu Tolgoi Copper & Gold Mine. After a month, it could be activity once per week. Most likely days of operations will be Sundays, but these second month on each Roster swing, Thursdays may be alternative days. I will be 10 weeks on site and 5 weeks home in Russia as it looks now. Normal Rosters are 4/2 weeks, but COVID changes that a bit to longer Rosters. My QSL

Manager will be Pedro, EA5GL. LoTW will also be used."

JW, SVALBARD (Update). The "DX Adventure Team" provides the following update to the DXpedition to Svalbard as JW0X and JW1000QO taking place between April 19-26th, 2022. The following is a press release [edited]:

DX-Adventure is a joint venture of Max-ON5UR and Erik-ON4ANN, and consists of 15 very enthusiastic people with all experience in participating or organizing a DX-pedition.

The first DX-Adventure project is therefore immediately ambitious:
The Arctic Archipelago - Svalbard - IOTA EU-026 from April 19-26th, 2022.

The setup is to be active with 5 stations on all HF bands in different modes (CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8-FT4). In addition, we have the ambition to be the first to activate EU-026 on QO-100 (as JW1000QO). Three team members take on the challenge of driving a snowmobile all the way to Kapp Linné, about 100km east of Longyearbyen.

This is the only location that allows a "line of sight" on the QO-100 satellite. In addition, Kapp Linné is also on the edge of the satellite footprint - speaking of a challenge...

Read all about the DXpedition here:

<https://www.dx-adventure.com/en/svalbard-dx-pedition>

Sponsorship: Every contribution is welcome and appreciated, but with a donation of at least 25 Euros you have a chance to win one of the 10 JW0X flags. With a donation of 50 Euro you will receive a beautiful JW0X scarf (17 x 125 cm), a nice souvenir that should not be missing in the shack.

A list of all registered sponsors can be found on the JW0X sponsor page: <https://www.dx-adventure.com/en/svalbard-dx-pedition>

You hear our signals we feel the pile-up.

DX Adventure team -- <https://www.dx-adventure.com>

LU, ARENTINA (LH Op). Operators Jorge/LU2WJV, Ricardo/LU1WUD, Ricardo/LU1WAZ, Damian/LU1WCL, Jeremias/LU9WZO, Rodrigo/LU2WRB, Luis/LU3XEI, Jorge/LU9WJE and Mario/LU1XMO will be active as homecall/XA from the Monte Loayza Lighthouse (ARG-048) during the 14th American Lighthouse Weekend (February 18-20th). Activity will be on 80/40/20/10 meters SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

NP3, PUERTO RICO. Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active as NP3X from the Coamo Contest Club station during the ARRL Inter. DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via EB7DX.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Wies, SP1EG, informs OPDX of the upcoming activities from Aland Islands (EU-002):

- * Operators Wies/SP1EG, Hans/DK8RE, Frank/DM5WF and Hans/DL8UUF will be active as OH0EG from Jomala, FaSta Aland, between April 1-9th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using a K3 + Expert PA, Dipoles for 160/80m and a GP for the remaining bands. An IC-7300 will be used for the Digital modes. The team will be in the SP DX Contest (April 2-3rd) which is a Polish CW and SSB contest. Rules for the contest, see: <https://spdxcontest.pzk.org.pl>
QSL via SP1EG. Outside of the contest, operators may be active as OH0/DM5WF, OH0/DK8RE ... etc.

- * Operators Wies/SP1EG, Artur/SP1QY and Walldi/SQ3PMX will be active as OH0EG from Jomala, FaSta Aland, between April 22-29th. Activity will be focused on 30/17/12 meters using the Digital modes as well as CW and SSB. They will use 100 watts and several different antennas.

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OX, GREENLAND (Reminder). Operators Mikkell/OZ7AKT (OX7AKT) and Alex/OZ7AM (OX7AM) are now active from Kangerlussuaq (NA-018, WW Loc. GP47TA) until

February 22nd. Look for OX7AM in the ARRL Inter. DX CW Contest (February 19-20th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL OX7AM via OZ1ACB, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or Clublog's OQRS. QSL OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or Clublog's OQRS.

PC70, THE NETHERLANDS (Special Event). The JOTA station of the "Scouting Campsite De Rendierhoeve" (PC6RH) will be activating the special call sign PC70RH to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the campsite which is situated in the near the Pijnendijk in Moergestel (see QRZ.com for details). Their activity will take place between April 2022 and March 2023. QSL via the Bureau to PF1SCT.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. John, W3FSA, is once again active as PJ7/W3FSA from Sint Maarten (NA-105) until March 19th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/30/20 meters using CW QRP. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 21-27).....

Feb/21st HN Feb/24th HN Feb/26th HN
Feb/22nd HN Feb/25th HN Feb/27th HN
Feb/23rd AN

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

(Updated 01/26/2022) Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf>
and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
<http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) & National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):
<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov>
<https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment:
<https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Archive of ARRL Propagation Forecasts:
<http://www.arrl.org/wlaw-bulletins-archive-propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * W4HM Daily HF/MF Radio Wave Propagation Forecast:
<https://groups.io/g/w4hmradiowavepropagationforecast>
- * WM7D's Solar Resource Page: <https://www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar>

PZ, SURINAME (Reminder/IOTA Op). Operators Markus/DJ4EL and Joerg/DJ1JB are planning to go back to Papegaaen Island (SA-092, WW Loc. GJ15kv) between February 23-26th (possibly 27th), and will use the call sign PZ5G again. They will be active from the Suriname mainland (WW loc. GJ25kr) before (February 19-22nd) and after (February 27th-March 1st) their IOTA operation using the call signs PZ5GE (DJ4EL) and PZ5GL (DJ1JB). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB only. They will have two stations with 100 watts into wire antennas. Direct QSL via ClubLog. Bureau QSL via the Bureau.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (Feb. 18th)
QSL-INFO from various sources provided by OPDX

3B9FR via M00XO	ED3X via EA3QP	PJ2/NE9V via NF9V
3D2TS via M00XO	ES5TTT via N4GNR	PJ2/W9NJY via WD9DZV
3Z200IL via SP8KJX	FK8CE via N4GNR	PJ4NG via K4BAI
4U1UN via HB9BOU	FK8HM via F5MFV	SM0N via SM0JCA
4U9A via 9A2AA	FM/F6BWJ via F6BWJ	SM6F via SM6CUK & (L)
6Y5FS via G4BWP	SP1PSPAK via SP3POB	TM19AAW via F8DVD
7Q7CT via JH1AJT	FM/VE3DZ via VE3DZ & (L)	TM20KFZ via F4FCE
7X2TT via EA5GL	HB0/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA	TR8CA via F6CBC
7X3WPL via 7X3DL	HC3RJ via EC5R	TZ4AM via W0SA
8P9AN via CX3AN	HI9/F5PLR via F5PLR	V31AT via K5PI
8Q7WM via OK2WM	HP2DFA via EC6DX	V31WK via VE7KW
8Q7WX via OK2WX	HR9/AD8J via AD8J (d/L)	V31XX via K4XS
9A70FAB via 9A3UJ	HR9/WD9ISQ via WD9ISQ	VP5/K4QPL via K4QPL
9G5AF via EA5GL	II2IDT via I2YSB	VP8ADR via M00XO
9H/4X6TT via N4GNR	IQ6JU via IK6QON	VP8BTR via M00XO
9K2GR via EA5GL	KJ0D/KP2 via EB7DX	VX2X via VX2X (L)
9K2OW via EC6DX	LT6M via LU8MHL	W7P via NF7E
A65TE via K3IRV	LU/KC1KUG via KC1KUG	YR0WL via YO9KBP
AP2HA via JA1WIO	LW5DR via EA5GL	Z21A via DJ6TF(Ukr v UY5ZZ)
C37N via C37URA	LZ60KFZ via LZ1KFZ	Z22O via DJ6TF
CQ8EE via OZ2I	M3X via M0IHT	Z60ID via Z62FB
CT9/DL7FER via DL7FER	OE/DJ1AA via DJ1AA	ZF2EZ via W5SJ
CT9/DK7YY via DK7YY	OE100LCR via OE3LCR	ZF2LZ via EA5GL
CT9/DL5LYM via DL5LYM & (L)	OK8MA via SP9MA	ZF2MJ via N6MJ
CX7CO via EA5GL	OX7AKT via OZ1ACB	ZF9CW via K5GA
DA0BCC via DL2JRM	OX7AM via OZ1ACB	ZF2WF via W9KKN
DL/HB9BCK/P via HB9BCK	OZ50DDXG via OZ1ACB	ZL3P via ZL3PAH
DL/HB9DIZ/P via HB9DIZ	P44W via N2MM	ZP6/N3BNA via KA2AEV
DL75DRG via DM4EAX (B)	PA22CC via PA2TMS	ZV8L via PT2OP
DM60CSJ via DL2VM	PI4CG via PD2GSP	
EA7/SM0KAK via SM0KAK	PJ2/N7IR via N7IR	

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<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/3D2USU> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/BY1CRA/WO22>
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HR5/F2JD> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/HP1PAR> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/TU5PCT> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/Z21A> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/Z22O> (Updated)
<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/ZY6A>

TU5PCT 2022 QSL UPDATE. QSL Manager OK6DJ reports that the first upload to LoTW for donors and OQRS direct has been done.

QSLs RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3A/RA9USU, 3B8BAP, 3X2021, 4U1A, 6D5C, 8J1RL, 9A0BB, 9N7AA, BG4QNE, BG7DSA, BG7IEJ, BX5AA, CX/PR8KW, EA2ESU, EI2IP, HB9ACA, HL2VXK, IK8HVO, J35X, JD1BHA, JR6FC, JY4CI, KH6JY, KH6RF, L71D, LU1DX, PD0MBU, PH9HB, PI4CC, PY1KB, PY2LED, S57UN, SV9BMG, TA6C, TA7K, TO6S, TU5PCT, UA9MA, UN3M, V31MA, V4/KG9N, V7/KD7ADI, VA7ST, VK5DOC, VK5GR, VK6JJJ, VK6KC, VR2CH, YB3OK, YC1THS, YC7UAH, YC9UAB, YD9UBT, YV5EED, Z81D, ZC4GR and ZL3RJ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4O3B, ES5TTT, FH/K6ZO, JD1BMH, LU5ZI, S51DX, S57S, S79VU, VK0JJJ, VO1GO and VP9KD

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 9G5AM, 9G5W, 9LY1JM, C31MO, D68I, DE0SMF, DP1POL, FM8QR, PP2CS, S56P, T77JNC, TO3Z, V26K, VP2VB/MM, XT2SE, Z60A and ZV7L

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (Update/Changes). Members of the Italian DX

Team will be active from Central African Republic as TL8AA (CW-SSB-RTTY) and TL8ZZ (FT8) between April 1-15th. Plans are to have 7 operators and 4 stations. Operators mentioned are Tony/I2PJA, Silvano/I2YSB, Angelo/IK2CKR, Stefano/IK2HKT, Gino/IK2RZP and Maurizio/IV3ZXQ. The pilot station can be contacted with inquiries (English only) at: idtspilot@gmail.com. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (now including 60m) using the below modes. Their suggested frequencies are:

TL8AA Callsign

CW - 3527, 5352, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24890 and 28030 kHz
SSB - 3775, 7090, 14240, 18130, 21310, 24950 and 28470 kHz
RTTY - 14084 kHz

TL8ZZ Callsign

(Using F/H)

FT8 - 3567, 5357, 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21091, 24911 and 28091 kHz

Their official Web site is at: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>
Subject to the availability of internet connection, the REAL TIME Log will be available at: <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline>
Official forum at: <http://www.hamradioweb.net>
QSL via I2YSB direct, OQRS or LoTW.

TO1, FRENCH GUYANA. Herve, F5HRY, will once again be active as TO1A from the FY5KE station (Radio Amateurs Club de Kourou) during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 19-20th). QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

V3, BELIZE. Bob, W0BNC, will be active as V31BN from Haulover Bridge, Belize, between March 5-10th. He states on QRZ.com, "I will be doing at least one POTA activation for certain from V3-0057, the Altun Ha Archaeological Reserve, one of the many Mayan ruins in the country. I will also be on the air in the evenings from my cabana, located about 5 miles north of Belize City. Other parks I will attempt to get to:

V3-0067, Community Baboon Sanctuary Wildlife Area
V3-0022, Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary
V3-0026, Spanish Creek Wildlife Area
V3-0027, Shallow Creek Marine Reserve

The only downside to this is I will be QRP. I am bringing my KX2 with a variety of wire antennas, and a PAC12 vertical. But I don't think this will stop me from making contacts! I will be operating on SSB, CW, and FT8. Once I'm back home, I will start working on getting QSL cards out. This is the initial design I have, although it might change once I get home and look through my photos."

https://cdn-bio.qrz.com/n/v31bn/V31BN_QSL_card_picture.jpg?p=12dd18alf4b8c1e65d514dae2a1a02d9
QSL route was not mentioned.

W3/W4/W8, UNITED STATES (Special Event). Look for the following special event stations to commemorate 80th anniversary of the Voice of America [VOA] (February 1st, 1942) between 1400-2200z, February 19-20th:

- * W3V -- VOA Headquarter in Washington, DC
- * W8O -- from West Chester, OH; the VOA Bethany Relay Station
- * W4A -- from Greenville, NC; the VOA Site-C

Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Contact with any of the three stations will earn you a digital certificate. Work all three stations and get the clean sweep endorsement. The certificate will be sent to the E-mail address listed on your QRZ page, make sure your E-mail is up to date. For paper QSL, see QRZ.com. For more details about the VOA and the special event, see:

<https://w4amc.com/2022/01/07/80th-anniversary-of-voa>

Z6, KOSOVO (News). Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following press release on February 16th [edited]: Z60ID --- WARMEST REGARDS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO -- Tomorrow, February 17th, will mark Kosovo's 14th Independent Day and their IARU Society, SHRAK, will activate the special callsign, Z60ID, with multiple stations for the 24-hour period. Special QSL card will be available to present the activities of SHARK. QSL Z60ID via Z62FB.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/Z60A>

The operators are: Z61VB (YL), Z61MM, Z61DX, Z62FB, Z62NS and Z63SLB.

And then for the upcoming weekend's ARRL CW Contest, Driton, Z61DX, will activate the SHRAK HQ callsign Z60A.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1NDNehTwm4>

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. "The Daily DX" reports that Ron, W2PLK, is expected to be active as ZF2RO from Grand Cayman Islands (NA-016) for the next week and a half. Using a KX2 with a wire, activity will be mostly be on CW and some SSB. It is suggested to listen for him between 7055-7060 kHz and 14055-14060 kHz.

The following stations are expected to be active in the
ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 19-20th, 2022)

Thanks to Bill, NG3K, for providing OPDX readers with the following consolidated listing of the participants in the 2022 ARRL DX CW Contest. For a more detailed listing (and up-to-date changes/corrections) in HTML format, please visit Bill's Web page at:

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxc2022.html> (By callsign)

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxcd2022.html> (By entity)

For the complete set of rules, see: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Contest Callsign	DXCC Entity	Class	QSL Route
3V8SF	Tunisia	SOSB 80M	LoTW; QSL via LX1NO
7Q6M	Malawi	SO	K6ZO
CQ8EE	Azores	SOAB LP	OZ2I
D44AO	Cape Verde Island	SOAB LP	DM4AO (B/d)
HR9/AD8J	Honduras	SOAB LP	LoTW; QSL via AD8J (d)
KH7M	Hawaii	SO	LoTW; QSL via KH6ZM (d/NB)
KH7Q	Hawaii	SOAB	KH7U
KP2B	US Virgin Islands	M/S	EB7DX
KP4AA	Puerto Rico	SOSB 80M	KP4AA (d)
NP3X	Puerto Rico	SOAB	EB7DX
OX7AM	Greenland	SOAB	OZ7AM
P44W	Aruba	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via N2MM (d/NB)
PJ2T	Curacao	M/M	W3HNC
TO1A	French Guiana		F5HRY (d/L)
TO4A	Martinique	SOAB	VE3DZ
V3T	Belize	M/S	WC0W
V47UM	St Kitts & Nevis	SO	LoTW; QSL via W3UM
VP5M	Turks & Caicos	SOLP	LoTW
XQ1KZ	Chile	SOAB	XQ1KZ
YB0ECT	Indonesia	SOSB 20M	W2FB
YB2DX	Indonesia	SOAB	LoTW; QSL via YB2DX
Z60A	Kosovo	SO	LoTW; QSL via OH2BH
ZF1A	Cayman Islands	M/S	LoTW; QSL via (C)
ZF5T	Cayman Islands	M/S	LoTW
ZL3X	New Zealand	M/2	LoTW

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